

VOICE OF THE VINEYARD



"And he who receiveth all things with thankfulness shall be made glorious; and the things of this earth shall be added unto him, even an hundred fold, yea, more." D&C 78:19



President's Message

Brother VonSpeirmeir reminded us at Martin's Cove that the reasons why the pioneers embraced the gospel and chose to come to Zion could be traced back to the spring of 1820, when a young boy decided to ask God his questions after reading James 1:5 in the Bible. This young boy, Joseph Smith, wanted to know where to place his allegiance, his support, with regards to religion. Each of us needs to decide where to place our allegiance, our support, with regards to religion. First, each of us must decide to decide. Then we can go forward and "ask God, the Eternal Father, in the name of Christ, if these things are not true; and if ye shall ask with a sincere heart, with real intent, having faith in Christ, He will manifest the truth of it unto you, by the power of the Holy Ghost. And by the power of the Holy Ghost ye may *KNOW* (italics and capitalization added) the truth of all things." (Moroni 10:4 and 5)

Once we have asked, we discover that the answer comes to us in many different ways and at many different times. Often we realize that we knew the answer and had been given the answer even before we asked. We just had not recognized or understood that the answer had already been shown to us because WE had not been serious enough, or ready, or willing to ask. In verses 7 and 8 of Moroni, Chapter 10, we are reminded that God "worketh by power, according to the faith of the children of men, the same today and tomorrow, and forever. And again, I exhort you, my brethren, that ye deny not the gifts of God, for they are many: and they

come from the same God. And there are different ways that these gifts are administered; but it is the same God who worketh all in all; and they are given by the manifestations of the Spirit of God unto men, to profit them."

To ask God to help us and to bless us requires both action and faith on our part. Our actions alone will not qualify us, nor will faith alone qualify us to receive answers to our prayers. As we look forward to reaching our goal of 600 baptisms between September 1st and December 31st, of this year, let us not fail to do ourselves what we ask our investigators to do. We ask them to decide to decide. Then we teach them and challenge them to commit to certain things and to exercise faith. Thus we tell them

that they will qualify to receive answers to their prayers and to receive and recognize the gifts of God in their lives. WE, too, must decide to decide and exercise OUR faith. WE must decide that only through a united effort, that only through hard work, that only through exact obedience, that only through an exercise of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ on the part of EACH missionary can we have our prayer of reaching our goal of 600 baptisms be realized. As a mission, we CAN receive the blessing of receiving this great gift from God.

Let us EACH work together to accomplish this goal through our allegiance, our support, our hard work, and our faith.

President and Sister Sonne

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Welcome New Missionaries!

Incoming November 7, 2007

*Spanish Program



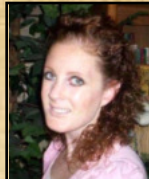
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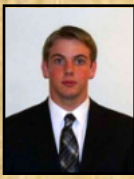
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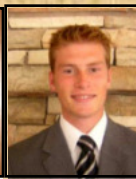
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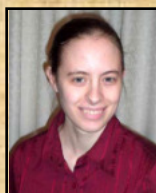
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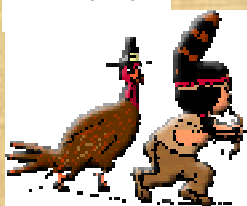
Sep Oct

Helaman.....	25.....	14
Mill Creek.....	18.....	32
Moroni.....	18.....	34
Pioneer.....	31.....	12
Temple.....	14.....	10
Tooele.....	18.....	12
West Valley.....	15.....	11
Wyoming.....	3.....	06

Mission Totals:

Sep	141
Oct	131

Happy
Thanksgiving



Master Teacher



SISTER
BURKHART



ELDER
KOSKINEN

Certified Teacher
Elder Sanchez



Skilled Teacher
Sister Burkhardt
Elder Koskinen
Sister Hernandez

Happy Birthday



09 Nov	Elder Zeck	01 Dec	Elder Viglione
09 Nov	Elder Bates	02 Dec	Elder Rosales
10 Nov	Elder Bruce	03 Dec	Elder Chung
15 Nov	Elder Bowman	10 Dec	Elder Ruano
15 Nov	Elder Johnson	20 Dec	Elder Vathauer
21 Nov	Elder Fairchild		



ASSISTANTS TO THE PRESIDENT:

Oh how we love the snow. Everything covered in pure white, clean and light. Serving in Zion truly makes Salt Lake heaven on earth. Daily we receive endless blessings from our Master. We see these great things as fulfilling the commandment in D&C 42:6 "*And ye shall go forth in the power of my Spirit, preaching my gospel, two by two, in my name, lifting up your voice as with the sound of a trumpet, declaring my word like unto angles of God.*"

As we see the winter's beauty we know Christ is the Great Creator and our bones are filled with a fire from the Spirit. We are armed with the tools to "*Preach My Gospel*". No one can separate us because we are **one**! Everything is done in the sacred name of your Lord. We hit the streets hard, standing boldly in front of those who God puts before us. Then, our friends, will our brothers and sisters see us as those "angels of God."

This is the kind of mission this is, this is what kind of missionaries we are, and we will love it forever!

With all our prayers.

Elder Kubal,
Elder Hicks,
Elder Rigg





Departing Missionaries



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Being a representative of Jesus Christ has brought substance to my life, I've been given value. The Master said, "...he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." I hope I lost my worldly life as payment for the spiritual side which provided experi-

ences with the surging force and power of the Holy Ghost. I feel clean, free from guilt and shame, I will look fondly back at the

memories and sweet experiences I was given as a full time missionary in the Utah Salt Lake City Mission.

With an honest heart, Elder Schmoldt

"There is an attitudinal and behavioral bridge that we need to build in order for us to draw closer to Him, and thus be ready to return Home. We must want to do this more than we want to do anything else. Otherwise, even if we avoid wickedness, our journey will end in the suburbs, somewhere short of the City of God." -Elder Maxwell

For two years we have the privilege of being taught by the Master Teacher. We are taken out of the world so that the world can be taken out of us. Keep both feet in the work.

"There neither are nor can be any neutrals in this war. Every member of the church is on one side or the other...In this war all who do not stand forth courageously and valiantly are by that fact alone aiding the cause of the enemy. We are either for the church or we are against it. We either take its part or we take the consequences. We cannot survive spiritually with one foot in the church and the other in the world. We must make the choice. It is either the church or the world. There is no middle ground." -Elder McConkie

It's all True. Thank you all for everything.

I love you all, Elder Visser



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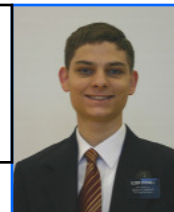
I can't believe it is already over. The decision to serve a mission was the best decision I ever made. I have grown a lot in the past two years, and I feel like a changed person. I love sharing the gospel. I have learned a lot from all of my companions. I love the scriptures. Pioneer Zone rocks! Keep baptizing!

I know this is Jesus Christ's church. Joseph Smith was a prophet. The Book of Mormon is true. This gospel means everything to me.

Goodbye, I wish you all much success.

Love, Elder Stovall

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Dear Brethren and Sisters,

I love you, thank you for being my family. D&C 84:23 has been on my mind for a while now. *"Now this Moses plainly taught to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and sought diligently to sanctify his people that they might behold the face of God."* Moses taught his people plainly there and sought to sanctify them so they could see the face of God. I think of President Sonne as Moses, and us as the children of Israel. The Lord has led us out of Egypt, or the world, for these two short years. He has given us a righteous leader who exhausts himself for us, that we may come to know the Lord and become more able instruments in His hands. The rules, the challenges great and small are a gift. The Lord has taken me out of Egypt, have I taken Egypt out of me? Now I have to go back. I love the Lord. He is my joy and my salvation. Life is beautiful with him regardless of the circumstances. This is His work and His church. If you see me and I'm not active, punch me in the face. 3 Ne 5:13: *"Behold, I am a disciple of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. I have been called of him to declare his word among his people, that they might have everlasting life."* Love, Elder Aja

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From our Devotional with Elder Rasband:

"On behalf of the leadership of the church, 'Thank you' for your service, for putting your passions on hold as well as your girl friends, your music, your pickup truck.

There are 54,000 of you.

We love you, we honor you for your sacrifice.

You serve in a fishbowl here in the Salt Lake Valley....Be All that you Can Be."



Message from Elder Williams and Elder Olsen:

"Keep up the GOOD and keep close to GOD!"





Departing Missionaries Continued



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A call to serve in Salt Lake City was unexpected. "The church wasn't true" seemed the only option. Cleaning church buildings seemed to be the work at hand. But after two years, this is the best mission, and not because I've met apostles and general authorities, or I've eaten at a member's house over six hundred times, but because of the people that I've been blessed to work with and to see people's lives change for the better. These bring the greatest joy. In two years I have taught and baptized people from every continent of the earth. I have experienced so many cultures. My testimony has grown so much. The Church is true, or else I would have screwed things up a long time ago. I know Joseph saw what he saw; Christ restored the kingdom through Him. I am grateful to live in this time, to have the Book of Mormon and prophets to guide me. Jesus is the Christ; that is our message. The gospel means balance in all things, remember the Pharisees were exactly obedient, so work hard, be obedient, have fun!! And go by the spirit; serve the Lord, not the mission. This is true in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen. Much Love, Elder Gray

"I'm trying to be like Jesus, I'm following in His way." I have to say that the life of a missionary is one of Obedience, Joy, Happiness, Struggle, Sorrow, Spirit, Love and Excitement. These feelings are what make this mission amazing. I have loved following God's will and seeing the blessings from it. I have come to know what it means to BE a servant of Jesus Christ. This is the Army of God and what a privilege it has been to be a soldier in His work. I have to say that I have loved this work, from the investigators to the active members, what a Joy. I am happy, I love the spirit, life is Fantastic. This is the work of God. I Pray I may always do His will. May God be with you, my friends. Keep the Faith, Love, Elder Hicks

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An "Attitude of Gratitude"

(From a General Conference address in 1992 by President Monson)

"...let us reflect gratitude for our *Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*. His glorious gospel provides answers to life's greatest questions: Where did we come from? Why are we here? Where does my spirit go when I die? His called missionaries bring to those who live in darkness the light of divine truth:

*Go, ye messengers of glory;
Run, ye legates of the skies.
Go and tell the pleasing story
That a glorious angel flies,
Great and mighty, great and mighty,
With a message from the skies.
(Hymns, 1985, no. 262.)"*



GIVE IT YOUR HEART, GIVE IT YOUR SOUL, IF IT'S THE ONLY THING LEFT HE WILL BLESS YOU EVEN MORE. Being a missionary is NOT a sacrifice, it is a blessing. Sometimes I felt like I didn't deserve it. I will be forever grateful to have had the opportunity to work in the Lord's vineyard. The pure love of Christ is very powerful. **LOVE THE PEOPLE YOU TEACH, LOVE YOUR COMPANIONS, AND THE LORD WILL BLESS YOU BEYOND YOUR IMAGINATION.**

Nací y morí en la zona de HELAMAN! No tengo las palabras para expresar mi gratitud a mi padre celestial por haberme llamado server en el programa de Español. Español no es fácil para mí, pero tengo un gran amor por la gente Latina, y, un gran testimonio del plan de salvación. Hna. Morin: "Alright Janice!" Hna. Diaz: Nos vemos en el sur! Helaman y Moroni: sí se puede!!! Andale pues! Love, Hermana Vaka

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"Now it came to pass that in the first year of the reign of [Pres. Sonne] over the [Utah SLC Mission] ... [Elder Kennington] having gone the way of all the earth, having warred a good warfare, leaving [one Frenchman] to [preach] in his stead..." (Alma 1:1).

There is nothing in this entire world like being a full-time missionary for our God. Take advantage of this time to have the world taken out of you as you are taken out of it. I treasure my testimony of our divine Redeemer and the Book of Mormon, which has grown by leaps and bounds further than I thought possible in this short time.

600 baptisms is possible, be obedient and work for it and watch the blessings pour out as the windows of heaven are opened unto you. I'm so glad I could serve here, now **CARRY ON!**

Love, Elder Kennington

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